(b) the amount of loan granted to those societies and the interest charged in the year 1952; and

(c) the amount recovered from those societies in the year 1952?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) to (c) A statement* is placed on the table of the House."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know, Sir, from the Hon. Minister for Health, arising from the statement placed on the table of the House, the number of buildings constructed by the Housing and Building Societies in the City of Madras for the houseless Harijans and the amount of aid and loan granted to them?"

THE HON. SRI A. B SHETTY :—" A separate question may be asked, Sir."

State-aid to Bell-metal Society, Payyanur, North Malabar.

* 963 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have received any request for State-aid from the Bell-metal Society, Payyanur (Malabar), and if so, what orders have been passed thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. The request of the Society is under consideration."

Grant of subsidy to newspapers published by Harijans.

* 964 *Q.*—SRI K. ISHWARA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government are giving any subsidy to any newspaper published by Harijans in the State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No."

Payment of salary to the District Board Elementary School teachers, Malabar.

* 965 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government received any memorandum from the various branches of the Malabar District Board Elementary School Teachers' Union complaining against the irregularity in the payment of their salary every month, and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Government have received representations asking for the payment of salaries before the 10th of succeeding month.

The Government have issued instructions to the effect that salaries of the District Board Elementary School teachers, for each month should be paid as early as possible and in any case, not later than the 15th of the succeeding month. The

* Printed as Appendix II on pages 460–462 infra.